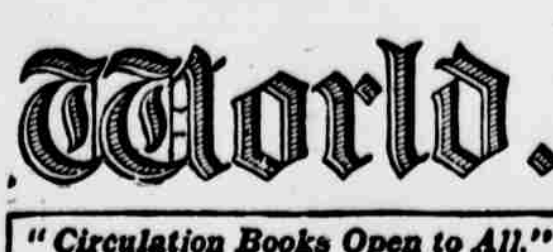


# \$4,000,000 FAILURE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

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### AVIATOR FOWLER FALLS FLYING OVER MOUNTAINS ON OCEAN TO OCEAN TRIP

Airman Badly Injured and His  
Machine Smashed in Sudden  
Plunge From Sky.

CRASHED INTO A TREE.

On Second Stage of Flight  
From Frisco to New York,  
He Meets With Disaster.

ALTA, Cal., Sept. 12.—The cross-continent flight of Aviator Robert G. Fowler was interrupted near here at 10:05 this morning by a fall which resulted in the demolition of the aeroplane and perhaps serious injury to Fowler. The latter was brought to Alta and while he claims that his injuries were confined to a strained back, it is feared that he has been hurt internally. The machine is a wreck and cannot be repaired for the continuance of the journey.

Persons in Alta and Dutch Flat witnessed the fall and rushed to Fowler's aid. The altitude at this point is 6,300 feet. Fowler ascended at Auburn, Cal., at 8:30 A. M., to begin the second day of his transcontinental flight. To-day's trip would have carried the aviator over the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Fowler passed Colfax 15.7 miles from Auburn and 124 miles from San Francisco, at 9:55 A. M. He was flying at 65 miles an hour at an elevation of about 3,000 feet.

Maintaining his speed, Fowler neared this point. As he came into full view it was evident that he was experiencing trouble. His machine seemed to balk and he started veering for the earth. After descending some distance the aeroplane lurched and came to the ground. A crowd ran to aid Fowler and found that he was not injured.

AVIATOR'S BACK WRENCHED IN THE FALL.

Explaining the accident, Aviator Fowler said: "The vertical rudder cut working for some reason, and all I could do was to go around in a circle. My machine swung to the left in the spires, then dropped and hit a couple of trees, damaging the frame badly. The engine, though, is all right.

"My back is wrenched, but the skin is not broken. It will take three or four days to rebuild the machine."

Fowler added that the flight after leaving Colfax was smooth and he encountered every hope of successfully topping the Sierras, despite the encountering of contrary and perplexing air currents. When in the neighborhood of Alta and about two miles east of Dutch Flat something suddenly went wrong with the aeroplane and the machine began going around in circles and dipping to the earth, getting completely beyond the control of the aviator.

The aeroplane caught in the top of a large pine tree at the edge of a gorge, wrecking the machine, which settled swiftly to the rocky ground. Fowler was caught in the wreckage.

Fowler, who arrived in Auburn last night at the end of his first day's air journey from San Francisco en route to New York, slept as soundly as if no accident had happened. He was up early to-day and went at once to the hangar where his biplane had been guarded throughout the night. A crowd was present and cheers greeted his appearance.

FEELS CONFIDENT OF LANDING AT RENO.

There was little other than precautionary inspection to be done to the machine, as the engine made 147.5 miles from San Francisco to this place without a hitch. Fowler said his machine was in perfect condition when he started, and that it was just as fit when he arrived here.

Long before 8 o'clock, the hour designated by Fowler as that of his start on to-day's journey, the machine was surrounded by a cheering crowd. Fowler ate a hearty breakfast and said he felt confident of a successful flight to Reno, Nev.

Save time and worry by looking for THEAT PLAT or Aerialist in today's World. A great variety of select from.

### SCIENCE HEALING IS "NEGLECT" TO CORONER'S JURY

Verdict Rendered at Inquest  
Into Death of Manager Eager  
of Woman's Hotel.

'TREATED' THREE YEARS.

Woman Church Practitioner  
Tells Feinberg He Can't  
Understand Method.

The coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Arthur W. Eager, manager of the Martha Washington Hotel, who died there on Aug. 11, after three years of Christian Science treatment, brought in a verdict this afternoon. The jury said that Mr. Eager died of chronic malaria, aggravated into many other diseases "by neglect."

The questions of coroner Feinberg to the witnesses at the inquest revolved it into a general attack on Christian Science by the coroner, who did not seem to be familiar with the terms and practices of the cult.

PHYSICIAN REPORTS GREAT COMPLICATION OF DISEASES.

Dr. Larkin, the coroner's physician, said he found Mr. Eager died of a rupture of the spleen, internal hemorrhages, fatty degeneration of the heart and liver and acute gastritis—all of them the sequence of protracted malaria.

Mrs. Eugenia Hancock of No. 128 East Thirty-fourth street, who is a physician practicing with her husband, Charles R. Hancock, testified that she was called by Mrs. Eager as the hotel manager was dying. He was then past help. Dr. Charles R. Hancock, who came later, corroborated her.

Mrs. Emma T. Eager, the widow, told of calling on Dr. Hancock after Mrs. Hancock's husband testified that she was called by Mrs. Eager as the hotel manager was dying. He was then past help. Dr. Charles R. Hancock, who came later, corroborated her.

Mrs. Meeker testified that she had been treating Mr. Eager for nearly four years. There was typhoid fever complicated with the malaria at one time. He often yielded to treatment.

"Do you, a Christian Scientist, believe there is no such thing as disease," asked the coroner, "and yet speak of malaria and typhoid and giving treatment for them?"

SHE ADMITS DISEASE; TREATS WITH PRAYER.

"If I do not deny disease, I call myself a healer; how could I heal if there were no disease to be healed?"

"What is your treatment?" asked the coroner.

"Prayer," said Mrs. Meeker.

"What sort of prayer?" Different prayer for different diseases.

"If I am afraid you cannot understand unless you want me to go into details," said Mrs. Meeker patiently.

"We do not heal, God heals. Our work is to pray to God to use his healing influence and to put the patient into a proper frame of mind and soul to receive it."

"Why didn't you heal this man?" "I had not a fair chance, I feel."

The coroner asked many questions as to Mrs. Meeker's confidence in Christian Science to overcome cancer and liver disease.

In addressing the jury he disclaimed any intention of attacking a religious belief, but said that if Mrs. Meeker's argument were right the Johnstown flood could have been stopped by abstinence from this city.

Miss Meeker, while the jury was out, broke down and became hysterical. When the jury returned she stuffed a handkerchief between her lips and bit on it until she attained calm.

### Aviator Robert G. Fowler Hurt in Fall



### INEBRIETY BOARD LAYS DOWN RULES FOR DRUNKARDS

Inspectors Will be Named to  
Gather in the Derelicts in  
Greater City.

Mayor Gaynor's Inebriety Board met to-day at the City Hall. The board laid down the following regulations.

Confirmed drunkards shall do farm work.

That liquor of every character shall be barred from all farm colonies hereafter to be designated under the act.

That three hospitals or detention houses be opened on acreages thirty-five or forty miles from New York.

That temporary reception quarters for aggravated and conflicting cases be established in the several boroughs.

That the old Police Headquarters Building, No. 200 Mulberry street be one of these reception and observation places.

That hereafter the police be required to furnish the board with the names and addresses of habitual drinking persons.

That seven "officers" shall be assigned to inspection work in each borough.

The board of estimate will be requested to appropriate \$250,000 at once to enable the "Souse" board to carry out these plans.

PACIFIC LINER WRECKED;  
PASSENGERS ALL SAVED.

Ramona Strikes Off the Alaskan Coast and Rescue Steamer Takes Off Those Aboard.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 12.—The wooden steamer Ramona of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, bound from Seattle for Seattle with passengers and freight, went ashore on one of the Spanish Islands opposite Cape Horn, Alaska, at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning and is a total loss.

The passengers of the Ramona, who were rescued by the ship, were taken off by the steamer Seattle and are now on the way to Seattle.

### DOUBT IN MAINE, VOTE NOW CLOSE ON PROHIBITION

Majority of "Wets" Fades to  
168 on Official Returns and  
May Be Wiped Out.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 12.—Official returns received up to a late hour to-day cut the small unofficial anti-prohibition majority shown this morning.

It looked as if the official margin one way or the other would be slight. The prohibitionists were very hopeful that further figures would turn the result in their favor and keep the State "dry."

Official returns from 225 cities, towns and plantations used in revising the unofficial figures of last night, reduced the repeal majority to 156 votes.

The "Wets" were in a clamor mood this afternoon as they saw their supposed majority fading away, but said they would not give up the fight until the last of the official figures were in.

Ex-Mayor Adam P. Leighton of Portland, President of the No License League, announced this morning that steps would be taken for a recount of the vote unless the official returns should materially increase the majority for the repeal of the amendment.

MAY PETITION FOR ANOTHER POPULAR VOTE.

In addition to planning a contest of the election the prohibition forces to-day began in earnest the work of securing 10,000 names by which the party may petition the Legislature for another popular vote in case the "Wets" win.

The vote of yesterday if in favor of the "Wets" does not mean that Maine

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HUNTING

A mountain hotel proprietor advertised good hunting, fishing, etc.

A disappointed guest complained he could find no game.

"I didn't say you would find anything," said the proprietor.

"But the sign said 'Hunt and Fish'."

### WALTER L. SUYDAM, MILLIONAIRE, SAYS WIFE HAS ELOPED

22-Year-Old Frederick Noble  
Missing From Fashionable  
Blue Point Colony.

PAIR ARE GONE A WEEK.

Young Husband Dazed by  
Blow After Eight Years of  
Strong Devotion.

Rumor of the most sensational elopement in the history of the fashionable summer colony at Blue Point, L. I., was confirmed to-day when Walter L. Suydam Jr., the young millionaire, whose villa on the bay front is one of the show places of the South Shore, admitted that his beautiful young wife had run away with Frederick Noble, the twenty-two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Noble of No. 389 Decatur street, Brooklyn.

The elopement is said to have occurred a week ago, but both families have stubbornly denied the fact. The abandoned young husband said to-day that he saw that secrecy was no longer possible, though he still hoped that it might turn out that his wife had only left him on a "harmless lark."

SUYDAMS' WEDDING FOLLOWED BOY AND GIRL COURTSHIP.

The missing wife is twenty-six years old, the same age as her husband. They were married eight years ago, as the climax to a boy and girl courtship. They have occupied their villa at Blue Point for five summers and are well known to all the fashionable colonies along the South Shore.

Young Suydam was seen by a representative of The Evening World this afternoon as he was coming ashore from his yacht Nemesis, and asked if it were true that his wife had eloped.

"Yes," he replied wearily. "I cannot deny that she has left home. All that I can deny is that I neglected her and gave her cause to feel lonely. The air is filled with false gossip about my setting up in the middle of the night and going away on fishing trips. It is true that I take more than an amateur interest in fishing and that I catch fish for profit. I do not believe in the useless slaughter of fish and my catches are disposed of in the market."

"I have met my wife, like any other fisherman, and gone out to haul them at 3 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Suydam seemed to take a great interest in this and frequently accompanied me when I hauled the nets. She has always been a chum and companion and invariably displayed delight in the recreation I chose."

"Whatever trouble there is, is due to my wife mixing with the young and giddy set here this summer. Fred Noble was one of that set. He is a mere boy and I never suspected for a moment that my wife regarded him except in the light of a boy. It was a terrible blow to me when I learned the truth."

DEVOTED TO WIFE, WHO FLED SUDDENLY.

"This trouble has come on me like a thunderclap. I was convinced that my wife was supremely happy. She had no wish that I did not immediately satisfy. Only a few weeks ago I bought her a handsome new automobile for her own use. She had her yacht, her house, everything that a woman could wish for. I gave up my afternoons and evenings to her and endeavored to my utmost to furnish all the entertainment a devoted husband is capable of."

"I have not yet learned where my wife went," continued the young man. "But I believe she is now in New York. I have not been able to get a message to her. Perhaps this is only a harmless lark, although it has a very serious aspect. My wife is very impulsive and temperamental. That is all I care to say at this time."

Walter Suydam Jr. and Frederick Noble were married in the church of the Heavenly Rest, in June, 1903. Although it was called as the time a "fair-weather" marriage, it was one of the fashionable weddings of the year. The Suydams are related to the families of the Vanderbilts, the Harrises and the Whitneys.

The fathers were Dr. F. M. Suydam, John H. Vanderbilt, A. C. White and Newell L. Harriss. The couple's wedding gift from the bridegroom's father was a cottage at Newport. Later they built their magnificent summer home at Blue Point.

At the time of the wedding it was at Blue Point.

### BIG BROKERAGE FIRM, ON 'CHANGE 54 YEARS, FAILS FOR \$4,000,000

Assignment of Conservative Firm  
of J. B. Van Schaick & Co.  
Follows Rumors of Serious  
Trouble.

CASHIER SLAIN BY BELLBOY  
WAS EMPLOYEE OF CONCERN

Head of House Denies \$750,000 Defalcation, and Says 100 Cents on Dollar Will Be Paid.

The Stock Exchange firm of J. B. Van Schaick & Co., No. 7 Wall street, made an assignment to-day to Elliott Norton, a lawyer of No. 2 Rector street, for the benefit of creditors. This is the firm of which William H. Jackson, who was killed in the Iroquois Hotel last July by Paul Geidel, a bellboy, was cashier.

Mr. Norton, the assignee, after a long consultation with John B. Van Schaick, the board member of the firm, and Mr. Van Schaick's only partner, Derby Crandall, made the following statement:

"I find that the firm has in liabilities between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. The failure was brought about by the over-extension of credits and the inability of many customers to make good."

"Most of the liabilities are secured. From a cursory examination I should say the liabilities exceed the apparent available resources by between \$400,000 and \$500,000. If the customers the firm depends on can pay up the creditors will be settled with dollar for dollar."

REPORT OF DEFALCATION IN FIRM IS DENIED.

"I wish to deny absolutely the report that there has been a defalcation in the firm. This report is maliciously false. The late Mr. Jackson carried an account with the firm with the consent of the partners, and owed the firm several thousand dollars on the face of the account when he was murdered. But this debt is almost, if not entirely, covered by securities held by the firm as collateral and does not in any sense represent a defalcation."

Mr. Van Schaick, who is of the third generation of his family to hold a Stock Exchange seat, confirmed the statement of the assignee, as did Mr. Crandall, who was formerly a telegraph operator in the employ of the concern. Said Mr. Van Schaick:

"We have an accumulation of debts on our books dating back to before the panic of 1897. Of our more than 1,000 accounts, many were carried on small margins. For a year past no Wall street brokerage house without big connections has done business enough to pay the telephone and telegraph bills."

"Our house suffered in the general slump. We said that we were unable to realize on a lot of our debts and that collateral which we ought to realize as cannot be marketed. So we have assigned for the benefit of our creditors and, in my judgment, we are in the hole about \$400,000. With any kind of luck in collections we ought to pay out dollar for dollar."

Mr. Norton, the assignee, knows that there has been no defalcation in the firm. The reasons for the failure, as he gives them, are correct. Our books are all straight. We are simply overloaded with accounts we are unable to collect and there is no business to carry us along until our slow customers can pay up."

FIRM ONE OF THE OLDEST ON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Branches were maintained by Van Schaick & Co. in Baltimore and Jersey City. The house was considered conservative and sound.

The firm name Van Schaick & Co. has been prominent in Wall street for fifty-four years. Jacob Van Schaick founded the house in 1837 and joined the Stock Exchange the same year. The present head of the firm is a grandson of the founder, and took up

at the Suydam Jr. were the great couple ever married in the church of the Heavenly Rest. Robert Suydam, father of the young man, was a prominent New York stockbroker. The fathers were Dr. F. M. Suydam, John H. Vanderbilt, A. C. White and Newell L. Harriss. The couple's wedding gift from the bridegroom's father was a cottage at Newport. Later they built their magnificent summer home at Blue Point.

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